

GO GREEN!

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<http://www.epa.gov/gogreen>

ENVIRO-TIP OF THE MONTH

Allow grass clippings to stay on the lawn instead of bagging them. The cut grass will decompose in a few days and return to the soil, helping your lawn stay healthy. Get more backyard composting ideas at

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/wycd/catbook/tip10.htm>

WHAT YOU CAN DO, WHAT YOU CAN USE

Vacation time! Learn about ways to protect yourself and your family during vacation or staycation.

-Going to the beach? States and local governments decide whether to open or close a beach.

http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/beaches/whereyoulive_state.cfm

-Going fishing? Check if there are any fish consumption advisories where you'll be fishing. <http://fishadvisoryonline.epa.gov/General.aspx>

GET MORE SUMMER TIPS:

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-summer.htm>

DON'T GET BUGGED!

-Use insect repellents correctly. Always READ THE LABEL and follow the directions to help keep yourself, your family, and your pets safe.

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/insect/safe.htm>

-Stop mosquitos before they get started. Remove habitats where bugs breed.

http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/insect/preventive_actions.htm